

Semer Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Held at Semer Village Hall on Wednesday 14th July 2021 at 7pm

Councillors attended: Richard Keens (Chairman), James Pitcher, John Lawrence, Sancha Keens (Acting Clerk).

Apologies received from: Robert Thorogood and Jackie Barraclough.

1. Chairman Welcome
2. Minutes of the meeting of 19th May 2021 were read and approved.
3. Quiet Lanes Update - all Council Members are very much in favour of the Quiet Lanes initiative. We understand that Nedging and Naughton have pulled out of the scheme due to some objectors however Semer together with Whatfield will proceed and Semer will pay their share of the cost to cover the signage.
4. Discovering Suffolk Project - The Green Access Team of Suffolk County Council have started a project to build upon the behavioural changes that the Covid-19 pandemic has brought about, to raise awareness of the Suffolk countryside. Part of the project is to install new plaques onto roadside ROW fingerposts. These will provide links to the Discover Suffolk Website and promote the countryside code. The plaques will be fitted to new fingerposts as they are replaced but the project is keen to install them onto existing posts and are seeking volunteers to help. Volunteers will be required to screw on the small metal plaques with screws in accordance with a location map provided. Trevor has verified that the village will have volunteers so the project will be in touch closer to the rollout.
5. Farm Tractor and Trailer Tour - the annual tour of the Buckle's estate was a success and many thanks have been sent to the farm office from those who attended and the Clerk. Unfortunately, due to covid the tour, was limited to 28 people. Hopefully next year will return to normal and more people can join in as many have expressed their disappointment at not being able to attend.
6. Contact List for Parish Residents - when organising and inviting parish residents on the farm tour it was made clear that it would be very helpful to have a contact method for each household in order to include everyone into village events; email address, phone number? After discussions an idea to put an advert in the Round About Magazine asking for anybody in the village wanting to be included to send any preferred contact method to the Parish Council email address.
7. Trees Around the Mere - some of the trees are in need of attention, before arranging a tree surgeon the councillors will look at the trees in question to see if the work can be done by themselves.
8. Safety Around the Mere - it has been realised that there is not a safety life ring on the Village Meadow where it adjoins mere. The Clerk will be looking into ordering one and having it positioned.
9. Village Meadow Grass Cutting- the Keens Family will undertake the grass cutting this year.

10. Village Meadow Hedge Cutting - James Buckle very kindly had his team cut the hedges last time and we will ask if this is possible again.
11. Organising a Village Event- some early thoughts and discussions are being put together on an event to get the village together.

The next Meeting will be held on 15th September 2021 at 7pm at Semer Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed

Dated 14th July 2021